

SB 669-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **669-FN**

AN ACT relative to on-premises licenses for licensed barbershops and salons.

SPONSORS: Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Sen. Avard, Dist 12

COMMITTEE: Commerce

ANALYSIS

This increases the fee for an on-premises license for barbershops and salons, requires the liquor commission to inspect such licensees, and requires the liquor commission to make an annual report to the legislature regarding the issuance of licenses and the number and type of violations which occurred.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to on-premises licenses for licensed barbershops and salons.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 On-Premises License; Salon or Barbershop. Amend RSA 178:21, III to read as follows:

2 III. The commission may issue a license to a business currently licensed through the office of
3 professional licensure and certification, pursuant to RSA 313-A:19, as a salon or barbershop, as
4 defined under RSA 313-A:1, to serve one alcoholic beverage to customers who are receiving services
5 from said establishment.

6 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 179:44, a licensee under this paragraph may
7 serve alcoholic beverages and liquor for free, which shall be limited to one drink per customer in the
8 amount not to exceed one 16-ounce glass of beverage, 6-ounce glass of wine, or 1 1/2 ounces of liquor
9 per person ***per appointment***. The licensee shall keep records of the patron served. Such records
10 shall be retained by the licensed facility and shall be made available to the commission upon
11 request.

12 (b) The fee for the license under this paragraph shall be [~~\$100~~] **\$480**.

13 (c) Nothing in this section shall allow the commission to issue a license to a salon or
14 barbershop located within a private residence.

15 (d) ***For the purposes of this section, persons under the age of 21 years shall be
16 allowed in the salon but shall not be offered nor consume any alcoholic beverage or liquor.***

17 (e) ***The licensee and all of his or her employees shall complete responsible
18 beverage service training offered by the commission and shall keep records of completion of
19 such training which shall be shown to the liquor commission upon request. The liquor
20 commission shall perform an annual inspection of the licensee's facility.***

21 (f) ***The liquor commission shall submit an annual report to the speaker of the
22 house of representatives and the president of the senate by November 1 of each year listing
23 the number of licenses applied for, granted, and denied, the number of inspections
24 performed, and the total number of violations which occurred within the reporting year.***

25 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

SB 669-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2026 through 2029.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Liquor Commission